

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 014627  
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00  
SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 SIG-01 CU-04 ACDA-12 HA-05  
BIB-01 PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02  
SS-15 /071 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SOV:KBROWN:PJP  
APPROVED BY EUR/SOV:MGARRISON  
EUR/RPM:MSTRUTZEL  
EUR/P: WGEHRON (PHONE)  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
USIA

-----051515 190234Z /15

O R 190035Z JAN 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USMISSION USNATO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
INFO CSCE COLLECTIVE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 014627

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, CSCE, MPOL

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SOVIET MANEUVER INVITATION

REF: STATE 13272

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED ON SOVIET  
MILITARY EXERCISE INVITATION:

Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE INVITED THE US, UK,  
FRANCE, FRG, AND BENELUX TO ATTEND A MILITARY MANEUVER THIS  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 014627

FEBRUARY. DOES THE US INTEND TO ACCEPT?

A: WE HAVE INDEED RECEIVED OVER THE WEEKEND AN INVITATION  
TO A SOVIET EXERCISE. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE US BELIEVE  
THAT THE NOTIFICATION OF AND INVITATION OF OBSERVES TO,  
MILITARY MANEUVERS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF CSCE. THIS  
WOULD BE THE FIFTH EXERCISE OF WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN

NOTIFICATION AND THE FIRST TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN INVITED.  
THE INVITATION BY THE USSR IS MOST WELCOME. AS IS OUR  
PRACTICE IN ALL CSCE/CBM MATTERS, WE WILL CONSULT WITH OUR  
ALLIES CONCERNING OUR REPLY, WHICH WILL BE MADE TO THE  
SOVIETS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q: BUT, DO YOU EXPECT TO ACCEPT?

A: ON BACKGROUND. IT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION THAT WE WILL  
RESPOND FAVORABLY.

Q: WHAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WILL YOU SEND?

A: ON BACKGROUND. THAT WILL BE ONE ASPECT OF CONSULTATION  
WITH OUR ALLIES.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPECIFICS ABOUT THE MANEUVER?

A: I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR THAT.

2. QUESTIONS DID NOT RPT NOT ARISE AT JAN 18 NOON PRESS  
BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 014627  
ORIGIN EUR-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66011

RDRAFTED BY: EUR/RPM: MPSTRUTZEL

APPROVED BY: EUR/RPM: WTSINN JR

DESIRED DIST: EUR/SOV; KBROWN (PHONE)

-----075988 200841Z /14

P 200600Z JAN 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO RUFHNA/USDEL MC BRUSSELS PRIORITY

USNMR SHAPE BE PRIORITY

USLO SACLANT NORFOLK VA PRIORITY

CINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER PRIORITY

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 014627

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 14627 ACTION USNATO MOSCOW BELGRADE INFO CSCE  
COLLECTIVE JAN 19.

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 014627

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, CSCE, MPOL

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SOVIET MANEUVER INVITATION

REF: STATE 13272

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED ON SOVIET  
MILITARY EXERCISE INVITATION:

Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE INVITED THE US, UK,  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 014627

FRANCE, FRG, AND BENELUX TO ATTEND A MILITARY MANEUVER THIS  
FEBRUARY. DOES THE US INTEND TO ACCEPT?

A: WE HAVE INDEED RECEIVED OVER THE WEEKEND AN INVITATION  
TO A SOVIET EXERCISE. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE US BELIEVE  
THAT THE NOTIFICATION OF AND INVITATION OF OBSERVES TO,  
MILITARY MANEUVERS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF CSCE. THIS  
WOULD BE THE FIFTH EXERCISE OF WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN  
NOTIFICATION AND THE FIRST TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN INVITED.  
THE INVITATION BY THE USSR IS MOST WELCOME. AS IS OUR  
PRACTICE IN ALL CSCE/CBM MATTERS, WE WILL CONSULT WITH OUR  
ALLIES CONCERNING OUR REPLY, WHICH WILL BE MADE TO THE  
SOVIETS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q: BUT, DO YOU EXPECT TO ACCEPT?

A: ON BACKGROUND. IT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION THAT WE WILL  
RESPOND FAVORABLY.

Q: WHAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WILL YOU SEND?

A: ON BACKGROUND. THAT WILL BE ONE ASPECT OF CONSULTATION  
WITH OUR ALLIES.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPECIFICS ABOUT THE MANEUVER?

A: I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR THAT.

2. QUESTIONS DID NOT RPT NOT ARISE AT JAN 18 NOON PRESS  
BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS RELEASES, MILITARY EXERCISES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE014627  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** KBROWN:PJP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780028-0156  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780144/aaaablgc.tel  
**Line Count:** 169  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 1ee33be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 13272  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3746968  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESS GUIDANCE ON SOVIET MANEUVER INVITATION  
**TAGS:** SOPN, MPOL, CSCE  
**To:** USNATO MOSCOW MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/1ee33be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014